regarding the rates of interest, rescheduling of loans and concessions and facilities in the supply of electricity, power to the farming community. These decisions are taken essentially by the State Governments. Whatever decisions we would like to take here on the recommendations of Dr. Swaminathan would essentially constitute the long-term policy. But certain decisions have already been taken, as I have already disclosed in this House, and certain issues are still pending with us.

Food Parks

*244. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Food Parks set up in the country, State-wise, as on 31st December, 2004;

(b) whether adequate infrastructure facilities have been made available to these Parks;

(c) the number of new Food Parks proposed to be set up during the current financial year in each State; and

(d) total amount sanctioned under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (d) The requisite information about food parks sanctioned in the country State-wise as on 31st December, 2004 is annexed as Statement-I (*See* below). Government does not set up food parks on its own. However, in order to provide infrastructural facilities and make food processing units more cost-competitive, financial assistance @ 25 per cent for general and 33.33 per cent for difficult areas subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crores is sanctioned for establishment of food parks which provide common facilities such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing and analytical laboratories,common processing facilities etc. This assistance can be provided to Government, Cooperative, Private entities who come forward with a viable proposal. In the current financial year, two food parks have been sanctioned for

West Bengal and one each for Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs. 181.59 crore has been sanctioned to different implementing agencies.

Statement-I

No. of Food Parks approved by Ministry of Food Processing Industries- State wise, as on 31.12.2004

S.No.	State	No. of Food Parks
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Assam	1
3.	Bihar	1
4.	Chhattisgarh	1
5.	Haryana	2
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	3
7.	Karnataka	3
8.	Kerala	3
9.	Madhya Pradesh	6
10.	Maharashtra	5
11.	Manipur	2
12.	Mizoram	1
13.	Orissa	1
14.	Punjab	1
15.	Rajasthan	3
16.	Tamil Nadu	1
17.	Tripura	1
18.	Uttar Pradesh	5
19.	West Bengal	6
	TOTAL:	47

NOTE: In addition to above, one Food Park each in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu has been sanctioned after 31.12.2004.

SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Sir, under the scheme the Central Government is providing 25 per cent of the project cost as grant to the implementing agencies for providing facilities to set up Food Parks to a maximum of Rs. 4 crores. Has the Government any proposal under consideration to increase the amount of grant to Rs. 10 crores to encourage small entrepreneurs to set up Food Parks in the backward regions of the country such as Telengana in Andhra Pradsh?

श्री सुबोध कांत सहाय: सभापति महोदय, माननीय सदस्य ने जो सवाल उठाया है, मैं बताना चाहूंगा कि हमने इस पूरे फूड पार्क की योजना की समीक्षा कराई है, जिसकी पूरी तरह सफलता नहीं हो पा रही है। इस बारे में हम लोगों के पास जो रिपोर्ट आई है, उस रिपोर्ट के आधार पर यह बात सही है कि अभी कोई योजना ऐसी नहीं है, लेकिन हम प्लानिंग कमीशन के पास यह रिकमंडेशन करके आपने मंत्रालय से भेज रहे हैं कि 75 परसेंट तक प्लेन इलाकों में और डिफिकल्ट इलाकों में 90 परसेंट तक दिया जाए और इसकी राशि चार करोड़ से बढ़ाकर दस करोड़ की जाए, लेकिन यह अभी प्लानिंग कमीशन की एप्रूवल की स्टेज में है। अभी इस पर कोई विधिवत फैसला नहीं लिया जा सका है।

SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Sir, the majority of the existing Food Parks in the country are not starting due to various reasons. What are the steps proposed by the Government to make these Food Parks function efficiently and also to remove various infrastructure bottlenecks? Would the Government simplify the procedures for providing grant and also reduce the number of regulatory authorities controlling the food processing industries?

श्री सुबोध कांत सहाय: सभापति महोदय, फूड पार्क का जैसा मैंने कहा, इसकी सफलता की दृष्टि से इसका पूरा असेसमेंट कराने के बाद एक रूपरेखा बनाई गई है, जिससे कि स्पेशल परपज के तौर पर इसकी यूज हो, एक कंपनी के तौर पर हो, जो अपने फूड पार्क की मार्केटिंग करे और इसमें लाने के लिए यह इंडस्ट्री लोगों को आकर्षित करे। इसी दृष्टिकोण से इसको 75 परसेंट और 90 परसेंट तक और इसकी राशि को 10 करोड़ रुपए तक करने की व्यवस्था की जा रही है, लेकिन जैसा मैंने कहा खासतौर से आंध्र प्रदेश में तथा अन्य राज्यों में बल्कि हर पार्लियामेंटरी कंस्टीटयून्सी में हम एक फूड पार्क या फूड इंडस्ट्री का यूनिट, जो वहां की एग्रीकल्चरल आउटपुट है, उसका दृष्टि में रखकर करेंगे। यह भी हमारे पार्ट आफ डेवलपमेंट प्रोसेस के तौर पर है।

श्री सभापति: नेक्स्ट क्वैश्चन, श्रीमती जमना देवी बारुपाल।